

New Haven, Feb. 12, 1880.

Prof. Asa Gray,
Dear Sir,

The Professors in the Theological Department of Yale College have laid upon me the pleasant duty of communicating to you their grateful sense of the service which you have rendered to them and to the students under their instruction.

You need not be told with what charmed attention your two lectures on "the Antagonisms of Scientific and Religious Thought" were heard by the highly intelligent assembly which crowded the Harquand Chapel on Thursday and Friday of last week.

For my associates in the Faculty as well as for myself, I may say, We are thankful for this added demonstration that the supposed "antagonisms"

are not necessary to science or to religion,
but come from imperfect knowledge and
mutual misunderstanding; and that
leadership in science is not inconsistent
with reverent acknowledgment of God
or with faith in God's redeeming Son.

Very respectfully, Yours,
Leonard Bacon.